

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 688  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

**National Coal Index**

**688 Shri Raghav Chadha:**

Will the Minister of *Coal* be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise data on the National Coal Index (NCI) for the last five years, including the per centage change each year;
- (b) the impact of the 4.75 per cent decline in the NCI in 2023 on supply of coal and market stability, supported by relevant data;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to maintain strong supply of coal and market stability in the last five years; and
- (d) the comparative analysis of coal prices in the country versus global coal prices over the last five years?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COAL & MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**Reply (a)** The National Coal Index (NCI) is issued by the Ministry of Coal (MoC) on monthly basis. NCI data for the past 5 years is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

**Reply (b)** Decline in NCI is indicative of falling coal prices as a result of increase in supply and dispatch of domestic coal, with a growth of 69.58% in December 2023 as compared to December 2022 in commercial coal blocks. This increase in dispatch has also boosted the revenue share for state governments. Further, the reduction of prices has resulted in equilibrium price for both the users and suppliers of coal, establishing market stability for the coal sector.

**Reply (c)** The thrust of the Government is on increasing the domestic production of coal. Most of the requirement of thermal coal in the country is met through indigenous production. Production of coal in the country in 2023-24 was 997.828 Million Tonne (MT) (provisional) in comparison to 893.19 MT in the year 2022- 23, with a growth of about 11.71 %. The coal production target for the FY 2024-25 has been fixed at 1080 MT.

Regular co-ordination is being done with Ministry of Power and Ministry of Railways to resolve the issues related to coal supplies and operational issues to enhance supply of coal.

Further, Ministry of Coal, since launch of commercial auction of coal mines in the country on June 2020, has successfully auctioned 107 coal mines with the cumulative PRC of 256.20 MTPA. This step aligns with the government vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* in coal sector.

**Reply (d)** Based on the data of Representative prices (RP), Notified prices and Import prices available on monthly basis with this Ministry, comparative analysis for the April month over the last 5 years may be found enclosed as **Annexure -2**.

**Annexure-1**

(a) The Year wise data on NCI for the past 5 years including percentage change each year

CY 2019			CY 2020			CY 2021			CY 2022			CY 2023		
Month	NCI	Annual Change (%)	Month	NCI	Annual Change (%)	Month	NCI	Annual Change (%)	Month	NCI	Annual Change (%)	Month	NCI	Annual Change (%)
Jan'19	112.48	6.14	Jan'20	98.90	-12.075	Jan'21	95.44	-3.50	Jan'22	155.55	62.98	Jan'23	170.32	9.50
Feb'19	109.72	-0.96	Feb'20	100.18	-8.702	Feb'21	99.18	-0.99	Feb'22	162.31	63.66	Feb'23	164.98	1.64
Mar'19	105.98	5.07	Mar'20	99.97	-5.667	Mar'21	101.89	1.92	Mar'22	193.02	89.44	Mar'23	168.96	-12.46
Apr'19	107.10	-2.336	Apr'20	100.13	-6.51	Apr'21	103.68	3.55	Apr'22	231.93	123.71	Apr'23	169.06	-27.11
May'19	106.68	-4.652	May'20	98.06	-8.08	May'21	103.77	5.82	May'22	246.97	137.99	May'23	157.69	-36.15
Jun'19	105.84	-3.930	Jun'20	91.74	-13.32	June'21	106.49	16.08	June'22	239.22	124.64	June'23	147.25	-38.45
Jul'19	105.64	-2.544	Jul'20	88.66	-16.07	July'21	114.73	29.40	July'22	233.09	103.16	July'23	140.77	-39.60
Aug'19	104.32	-7.413	Aug'20	88.96	-14.72	Aug'21	122.88	38.12	Aug'22	207.82	69.13	Aug'23	140.08	-32.60
Sep'19	103.00	-6.914	Sep'20	88.54	-14.04	Sept'21	133.69	50.99	Sept'22	186.39	39.42	Sept'23	143.91	-22.79
Oct'19	101.84	-9.568	Oct'20	89.55	-12.07	Oct'21	147.74	64.98	Oct'22	188.48	27.58	Oct'23	151.39	-19.67
Nov'19	100.13	-13.492	Nov'20	92.07	-8.05	Nov'21	167.96	82.42	Nov'22	188.56	12.26	Nov'23	155.09	-17.75

Dec'19	99.24	-14.711	Dec'20	93.08	-6.21	Dec'21	164.3 1	76.53	Dec'22	169.2 4	3.00	Dec'23	155.4 4	-8.15
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Annual Change in NCI (% Change = NCI of current year in the month of Dec. - NCI of previous year in the month of Dec. / NCI of the previous year in the month of Dec.)	-14.71	-6.21	76.53	3	-8.15



<b>ST 1</b>	14155	5860		12046	6153		10674	6153		37512	6153		29046	6153	
<b>ST 2</b>	12852	5635	13524	10937	5917	11504	9691	5917	10190	34057	5917	35882	26372	5917	27780
<b>W1</b>	5495	5028		5790	5280		5790	5280		6312	5280		6312	5280	
<b>W2</b>	4033	3840		5156	4416		4574	4416		6413	4416		5192	4416	
<b>W3</b>	4190	3060		3873	3519		3758	3519		6540	3519		4771	3519	
<b>W4</b>	2758	2892		3066	3326		3087	3326		3767	3326		3212	3326	

\* Notified Prices of CIL for Non-Regulated Sector have been used for G1 to G17 Grade and BCCL Coking Coal prices for Non- Regulated Sector have been used for ST-I,II, W-I to W-IV.

\*\* In case of Import Prices, South African Non-coking coal prices have been used for G1 to G6, Indonesian Non-coking coal prices for G7 to G14 and Australian coking coal prices for ST-I,ST-II. Moreover Import data source is DGCIS